

## United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION NO. 09/835,063 04/16/2001 Focke Rass 225/49847 3891 EXAMINER 7590 02/28/2006 Crowell & Moring LLP ESTREMSKY, GARY WAYNE Intellectual Property Group ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER P. O. Box 14300 Washington, DC 20044-4300 3676

DATE MAILED: 02/28/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Advisory Action After the Filing of an Appeal Brief

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/835,063	RASS ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Gary Estremsky	3676	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The reply filed <u>27 January 2004</u> is acknowledged.

- 1. The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will <u>not</u> be entered because:
  - a. The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).
  - b. The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).
- 2. The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

Note: This paragraph is for a reply filed in response to one of the following: (a) an examiner's answer that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.39(a)(2)); (b) a supplemental examiner's answer written in response to a remand by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further consideration of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(a)(2)); or (c) a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(b)).

- 3. 🖾 The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.
- 4. Other: Claims 1-7 are pending, Claims 1-5 and 7 are rejected. Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations.

GARY ESTREMSKY